

One of the hottest arguments about the English language concerning the origin of the phrase "O. K."

It's America's gift to the world, but for a generation we've been fighting among ourselves over the question how it started. How, that is, do we get the meaning "It's all right" from the letters "O. K."?

Here's a new view of the matter from a current newspaper editorial, with a disagreeable postscript from yours truly:

Origin of O. K.

(Louisville Courier-Journal)

Some words and phrases are positively contagious. Such a one is the American expression "O. K." The teen-ager of Omaha uses it no more readily than the street urchin in Naples or the British peer in his ancient castle. Scholars have been at pains to trace the origin of the mystic pair of initials.

One theory long popular was that Andrew Jackson started it by writing "oll korrekt" on state papers, his frontier way of spelling "all correct." Jacksonians have fully denied that Old Hickory had fared so poorly in the three R's, taught in his day "by the rule of the hickory stick."

Woodrow Wilson was a believer in the theory that our slang phrase had come from a Choctaw word "okeh," meaning "it is so."

Now comes a learned professor at Columbia, Allen Walker Reed, with what he claims to be the final verdict. He traces "O. K." not to the Indians or to Jackson, but to Jackson's successor in the White House, Martin Van Buren.

Van Buren was known as "the Red Fox of Kinderhook," a reference to the color of his hair, the wildness of his wits, and his birthplace in New York state. The nickname was abbreviated to "Old Kind hook."

When he ran for re-election in 1840, his followers formed the "O. K. Club." Their campaign failed. The opposition Whigs chanted that "little old Van is a used-up man," put out the word that he dined off gold plate in the White House, and defeated him with the military hero William Henry Harrison.

"K." thus lost its first battle, but, like chewing gum, it seemed to fill some basic need in the American system. Dictionaries were reluctantly forced to recognize it. GIs helped to export it. Now, it helps the world achieve a universal language, the first and easiest phrase will be "O. K."

The Louisville Courier-Journal thinks highly of Professor Reed's explanation linking "O. K." with President Van Buren and dismisses Woodrow Wilson's version with a single sentence — but I'll ride with the Wilson story.

In the first place our ancestors picked up a lot of words and phrases from the Indians, and it's entirely plausible that, as Wilson claimed, we appropriated the Choctaw word "Okeh." Furthermore, the old Indian word means exactly what we mean when we write the initials "O. K." — "It is so."

Professor Reed is undoubtedly a competent researcher, but so was Woodrow Wilson, who in addition was one of the great minds of the 20th Century and an internationally famous historian — particularly on things American.

All my life I have believed in Wilson's theory, and that's why I sometimes write the phrase in this column, out of sheer perversity, in the original Indian form — "Okeh."

It is so — notwithstanding the Columbia professor and the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Minstrel Dress Rehearsal Tonight

Dress rehearsal for the 10th Annual Kiwanis Club Minstrel will be held tonight at 7:15 in the school auditorium. All members of the cast are asked to be present. The show will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday nights.

Father of Hope Man Buried

Funeral services for J. P. Smith, 64, who died at his home in Texarkana, were held at 11:30 a.m. today at Woodlawn Cemetery of Texarkana by the Rev. Claude Clark. He was the father of Bill Smith of Hope.

Dry Forces Win at Mountain View

The dry forces outvoted the wets 3 to 1 yesterday to maintain a three-year drought in this dry township in wet Stone county.

Complete but unofficial returns of a local option wet-dry election showed 352 dry votes to 144 for the wets, according to election clerk J. W. Haler.

Mountain View went dry three years ago.

A scheduled wet-dry election in neighboring Harris township was cancelled.



Prisoner Swap Negotiations Hit First Snag

Chinese Report Only 600 Sick UN Prisoners

By LEROY HANSEN

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Thursday (UPI)— Allied officers today decried as "incredibly small" a Communist offer to return some 600 sick or wounded United Nations prisoners, and asked the Red Army to reconsider. The figure would in fact include possibly only 100 Americans.

The Communists promised to take the Allied proposal under consideration, and another meeting was set for 11 a.m. today (9 p.m. EST Wednesday).

The Red offer represented five per cent of the estimated 12,000 U.N. prisoners they hold. The Allies offered to return 5,800 sick or wounded Communist POW's which would be more than seven per cent.

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Laneburg Seniors Stage Play Friday Night

The Senior Class of Laneburg School, under the direction of their sponsor, Mrs. Alvin Hucker, will present an annual play, "The Little Rock," at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The play, titled, "Here Comes a Prince," has the following characters: Natty Campbell, Jesse Langston, Johnny Stark, Gene, Billy Womble, Sheri, Lambert, James Spell, Ora, Billy Fore, and Margaret.

Admission will be 20c and 40c. The play is invited.

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Two Arrested, Liquor Still Seized

Two men were arrested yesterday about four miles northeast of Patmos and a complete liquor still was seized, Sheriff C. Cook said.

Arrested at the still which was in operation were William Davis, 38, of Stamps and Buford Beard, 50, of Patmos. The men will appear in a preliminary hearing today at Texarkana Federal Court.

Sheriff Cook said two gallons of liquor was destroyed along with 600 gallons of mash. Assisting in the raid were federal alcoholic agents.

J. O. O'Dell, 51, Shoots Self to Death

James Oscar O'Dell, 51, resident of Hope, died last night in a Prescott hospital after a bullet wound self-inflicted, Sheriff Everett Dard of Nevada County said today.

O'Dell, who worked for a laundry, was found about 7 a.m. Tuesday in his truck at his home near Sutton, south of Nevada County. Sheriff Ward said he left Nevada County official said no one.

His investigation would be needed revealing that the money had been raised by seven Little Rock businessmen to pay for the attorney's investigation, added.

While we find no criminal liabilities, Mrs. O'Dell Formby of Robbville, Okla., Mrs. Mattie McJannet of Dallas, three brothers, Robbville, Okla., and the Little Rock Citizens Committee, the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, and the Air Force to locate anywhere they want to, but to leave them be. Furthermore, the Reasor-Hill corporation has resisted the efforts of many agencies to remove them from their present location.

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Russia Asks to Be Met Halfway in Disarmament

By STANLEY JOHNSON

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UPI)— Russia's Andrei A. Vishinsky today urged Western countries to meet the Soviet Union halfway in disarmament.

In a brief speech to the U.N. General Assembly, Vishinsky claimed that "in an effort to reach agreement on the question of disarmament, the Soviet Union is ready to meet them halfway."

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L. R. Land Issue Still May Bar Bomber Base

Hope Chamber of Commerce today released the following statement regarding the jet bomber base scheduled for an Arkansas location:

"In the face of the announcement which have appeared recently in the Little Rock newspaper concerning the jet bomber base which has been authorized for the Little Rock area, there are some additional facts to be considered which certainly appear to be obstacles in the path of construction at the chosen location in the Jacksonville area."

"The announcements by Congressman Brooks today have certainly contained nothing new and all of the information which he has released was known several months ago. Everyone realizes and has known that so far as the Air Force brass hats are going ahead. It is a well known fact that at the close of 1952 the Air Force was stymied in its efforts to begin construction of the base at the Jacksonville site. Even if Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson has released the Jacksonville bomber base from the freeze of military spending the same obstacles are still in its path now that had it stymied in 1952."

"No Final Action Yet"

Hope Chamber of Commerce announced at noon today that it had just checked with the office of Congressman Owen Harris in Washington, D. C., and the following statement is being released:

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Demonstration on Dairying to Be Held Thursday

A dairy selection demonstration for 4-H club members will be held at the home of Don Ray Brown at Spring Hill Thursday at 4 o'clock announced County Agent Oliver L. Adams today.

A special get-together meeting of 4-H club members with dairy calves will be held Thursday night at 7:30 in the county courtroom. All parents are asked to attend with the youth. Members who want to start a dairy calf demonstration are also expected to attend.

Glen Pursey, Extension Dairyman of Fayetteville, who works with dairy club members over Arkansas will be in attendance at both meetings. He will tell what others are doing in advising on the care of dairy heifers. Some discussion will be had on the dairy classes for the 3rd District Livestock show to be held in September.

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Hope and Farm Bureau Clash in Dispute Over Rural Electrical Rates

Cost of Lines Recovered, Says Bureau Leader

The Farm Bureau's side of the controversy with the City of Hope over rural electric rates was given today by President Ned Purley as follows:

"We asked the city to give rural consumers the same schedule of rates that are charged townsmen. The first 150 KWII costs the rural consumer \$9.60, while the same amount costs a town user only \$6. On 350 KWII the farmers pay \$14.10 and the town man \$9.00."

"The reduction the city offered us figured out only 30 to 40 cents per month for such customers as would have gotten a reduction, and some would have gotten none at all."

"The above rates include a flat service charge of \$1.10, and it was our investigation of this service charge that led us to believe our offer to buy the rural lines from the city for \$175,000 was a fair and profitable offer to the city government."

"The city's own financial statement shows that the rural lines cost Hope \$131,000; they serve 800 customers, and have been operating 14 years. Multiply out the \$1.10-per-month service charge by these figures and you will see that the city has gotten back \$147,840 of its \$131,000 investment — making our \$175,000 purchase offer fair and reasonable."

"It is true that we are going before the Arkansas Public Service Commission with an attorney in this rate matter. The Farm Bureau so voted Tuesday night."

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SOCIETY

Phone 7-3431 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Calendar

Thursday, April 9
The executive board of Junior-Senior PTA will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday in the junior high auditorium.

Guernsey PTA will meet at the school Thursday night, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Rital Mullins, president, urges all parents and teachers to attend.

The Junior-Senior PTA will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:30 in the Junior High auditorium. Mrs. Claude Tillery will be in charge of the program and will present a panel discussion on "What We Want for Next Year's School." Taking part will be Mr. James H. Jones who will represent the school Mrs. R. L. Broach, the parents, and Jan Moses, the students.

Friday, April 10
Camellia Garden Club will meet Friday, April 10, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Thomas Thompson, 2nd Street, with Mrs. John Wilson and Mrs. John Wallace as co-hostesses. Members are urged to bring flower arrangements.

Monday, April 13
WCS of the First Methodist Church will meet at the church Monday, April 13, at 2 p.m. Mrs. C. V. Nunn, Sr. will give the devotional. The theme of the program will be "Africa" with the members enjoying an Africa Safari conducted by Mrs. James McFarly, program leader. All members are urged to attend.

Tuesday, April 14
The meeting of the Hempstead County Classroom Teachers scheduled for Friday, April 10, in the Hope Junior High School has been postponed until Tuesday, April 14, at 7 p.m.

Spring Hill Grade School Has Easter Egg Hunt
The first through the sixth grades of Spring Hill School held an Easter Egg Hunt Friday with prizes.

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to follow this problem of land-ition a little further, in the-ig before the Committee on-ved Services, House of Rep-atives, 82 Congress, second ion, which contains the discus- about the Little Rock base, brought out that the city of-ck is deeding to the Fed- Government, scot-free, the en-amount of the land needed, as admitted by a testifying-eral in the hearings, there are problems connected to that he chicken-and-egg nature. The of Little Rock must be assur-that the bomber base installa-is a permanent one before- make the land proposition; yet, the land must be decid- the government before it can- the present nag-and-berate system.

Or, if you prefer, become acqu-nted with other women whose-ands are on the same shift. Ar-range get-togethers with them in the evening, or swap services as baby-sitters so you can go out- occasionally in groups.

Whatever you do decide to do- make sure it's something besides the present nag-and-berate system. Your husband is doing an adequate job of supporting his brood, so make up your mind to do an equal-ly good job of keeping the home fires burning.

Dear Miss Dix: My problem is loneliness. I am 25 years old, and happily married, but neither my husband nor I has any family. We are both shy, and find it difficult to make friends. We have no children, so I have too much time on my hands. My husband doesn't want to return to work.

Answer: You could be a most welcome angel in many institutions that are woefully unthanked. I am sure if you will go to a nearby hospital, especially one with a large children's ward, and offer your services, you'll soon find plenty to do. Feeding homes and orphanages, too, can always use a pair of willing hands. Feeding babies, dressing small children, reading to youngsters, of any age, or playing games with them, are all tasks that you could perform admirably.

Dear Miss Dix: I would like to drive the family car, but since I am only 18 my parents object. All my friends are permitted to drive.

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Dear Miss Dix: My husband says I'm foolish to let this problem worry me, but it does! My husband is a wonderful person, steady worker, and devoted to me and our three children.

Our difficulties revolve around his working hours. He's on the night shift, which leaves me alone every night. I am very nervous when I'm alone, can't sleep, then get cross and take it out on the family. I know I'm turning into a nagging snore, but if only he'd change his job our lives wouldn't be so topsy-turvy.

Answer: Your first step in ad-justing to a schedule that is so un-settling to you, is to realize that a man's job isn't something that can be changed at will. A man who has a wife and three children to support can't follow his every whim or his wife's. He would be an irresponsible father to do so, and if you think you have troubles now, consider what you'd be up against with an unemployed breadwinner.

Your husband is doubtless as un-happily about his hours as you are, but he doesn't give into his discon-tent by nagging, shouting and los-ing his temper. You should learn the same control.

Remedial Ways
There are at least two courses open to you to make an adjustment for better domesticity. When you put the children to bed at night, go with them. You'll have a few hours sleep before your husband comes home, then you can get up, give him his meal, and join him at it.

It will be difficult at first to awake cheerful and bright after a short sleep, but it's merely a matter of adjustment. Go back to bed, and when the children awake in the morning, get up with them for the day. This schedule would give you the maximum of waking time with your husband and children.

Or, if you prefer, become acqu-nted with other women whose-ands are on the same shift. Ar-range get-togethers with them in the evening, or swap services as baby-sitters so you can go out- occasionally in groups.

Whatever you do decide to do- make sure it's something besides the present nag-and-berate system. Your husband is doing an adequate job of supporting his brood, so make up your mind to do an equal-ly good job of keeping the home fires burning.

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City Rejects

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Service Commission for a still low-er rate. It is my understanding that they chose the latter course of action and have raised approxi-mately \$90 with which to hire a lawyer. It is my further under-standing from statements by Mr. Purtle that he has contacted a lawyer who is willing to guarantee results for a fee of \$300.

"In light of the offer made by Mr. Purtle to purchase the distribu-tion system for \$175,000 and further in light of the fact that Mr. Purtle is instrumental in the establishment of a telephone co-op in this locality I am therefore constrained to the opinion that the Farm Bureau is being used by Mr. Purtle to further the work of the co-ops in this area. In other words I do not believe that the Farm Bureau is 100% behind this move. This is borne out by the fact that certain of the Farm Bureau's members at the meeting last night expressed themselves against carrying this matter before the Public Service Commission. Some of their reasons were the fact that the City of Hope has poured count-ess thousands upon thousands of

dollars into the local schools, court-house, city hall, swimming pool, parks and playgrounds and many other worthwhile projects — some-thing a co-op would not even con-sider.

"Mr. Purtle has informed me that if this matter goes before the Public Service Commission he is going to ask that our rural lines be taken from us and given over to REA in order that they can deliver power at a rate under the Hope rate (in many instances the Hope rate is lower than the REA rate, which means that some rural rates would be raised). This attitude constitutes a serious threat to our municipally-owned water and light system — A system that has meant so very much to us in the past. In the long range view it is a threat to our American system of free enterprise.

"The City of Hope is going to fight this with all the power at our command. We are going to en-list the aid of the Arkansas Power & Light Co., and the Southwestern Gas & Electric Co., companies built up by free enterprise, and ask that they join us, just as we joined with them during the last session of the legislature in defeat-ing a bill designed to extend co-op lines, backed by millions and mil-lions of dollars of Federal money, at the expense of systems created by private initiative. In this fight I am certain that we will be joined by many members of the Farm Bureau. It is not only a fight for survival of local city government, but is a fight to save the Water and Light plant itself."

AFL-CIO Talk

Merger in New Parley

By ROWLAND EVANS JR.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The AFL and CIO start new talks today, the first in almost three years, aimed at merging their forces into a giant federation to represent more than 12 million workers.

The union talks get under way in an atmosphere hardly encourag-ing success. Neither George Meany, president of the AFL, nor Walter P. Reuther, CIO leader, has predicted merger any time soon. Meany has said repeatedly the odds are about 8-5 against a mer-ger; Reuther said yesterday the chances are "very good if both organizations negotiate on an honorable, constructive and intelli-gent basis."

But last month at the CIO United Auto Workers convention, Reuther, president of that union, issued a formal statement setting up four conditions he said the AFL must satisfy before unity could be seriously considered:

(1) The AFL must eliminate racketeering wherever it is found in any AFL unions; (2) It must accept the concept of industrial unionism on which the CIO was founded; (3) It must enforce a policy of no racial or other discrimination within any of its unions; and (4) It must agree to

some kind of machinery to elimi-nate jurisdictional disputes — dis-putes in which two unions seek to organize the same workers.

Coming just two weeks before unity talks were to get under way, Reuther's statement was not ap-preciated by the AFL. Meany said he was "very much disappointed" that the issues are going to be dis-cussed in the public press, before we meet." Reuther, questioned at a news conference, said yesterday the purpose of his convention state-ment was to "bolster" up the chance for a merger and that too much emphasis had been given to the four conditions.

Formation of the CIO as the "Committee for Industrial Organi-zation" came in 1935 after a bitter fight at the AFL convention be-tween one group of AFL leaders headed by John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers, and another group which included most of the AFL Executive Council.

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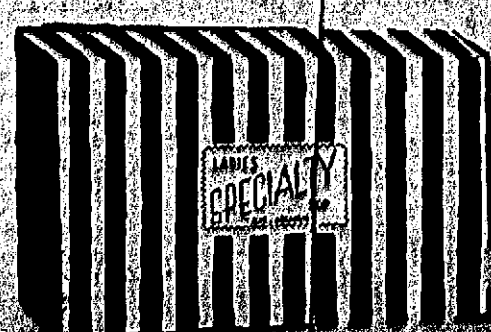
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Spa Asks Help of Baseball Bigwigs

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The Bathing House Board of Directors voted yesterday to protect their money from the Class C Circuit to George M. Trautman, chief of the National Association of Minor Leagues at Columbia, O. The resolution also said the matter would be taken to Frick, if necessary.

Directors of the Cotton States League ordered the Bathing House franchise turned back to the league for the club's failure to release Jim and Leander Tugerson, Negro pitchers from Florence, Va., Fla.

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Big Fight Will Be at Chicago

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Rocky Marciano is going to fight in Chicago May 15 and if Jersey Joe Walcott wants another crack at the heavy-weight title he'd better be on hand.

That's the word from Al Weill, Marciano's manager who said yesterday that if Jersey Joe doesn't show up, Rocky is willing to take on Roland La Starza for \$25,000.

Weill also declared: "The fight ain't moving out of Chicago."

1. "Rocky definitely is going to fight May 15."

2. "It'll be a sell out, maybe \$700,000 gross."

3. "Rocky is getting 30 per cent of everything — television, movies and food now, three cornered dining pictures."

Weill said he just wanted to set the record straight after reading that Walcott's manager Felix Belchick, was saying the fight should be moved to some eastern city.

"He ain't got the championship any more," Weill declared. "I got the champion until he loses. We're going to fight in Chicago, come hell or high water."

The bout originally was set for April 10 at Chicago, but last week doctors discovered two ruptured blood vessels in Marciano's nose and a postponement was ordered.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

BY GAYLE TALBOT

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Reddies Are Depending on R. Huddleston

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Defending champion ASTC opens its 1953 AIC season as hosts to Arkansas A & M Friday.

Henderson, runnerup to Teachers the past two seasons, opens Thursday at Clarksville against the College of the Ozarks. Arkansas Tech travels to Southern State for the other league opener Friday.

Five of the six coaches polled by The Associated Press agreed that the forthcoming campaign will be the toughest in years and plenty wide open.

But they elated veteran lettermen returning for more duty with the Bears of Conway and Reddies of Fayetteville as the difference.

The lone dissenter was ASTC Coach Paul Coleman, who is in his first season as Bear pilot.

Coleman said, "Our team looks good but I have no way to com-

pare it with the other schools. We're kinda on the hot spot and I don't want to get myself out on a limb. Just say it looks like we'll hold our own."

All coaches moaned over adverse weather conditions this spring, saying most workouts had been limited to indoors. Several teams have not played non-conference games, while a few others engaged in practice games with neighboring teams.

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mond crown four of the past five years, with Arkansas Tech nabbing the title in 1950. The Bears finished second that year.

Standout of the Bears is catcher Frank Shell, who lashed out a neat .336 last year to finish fourth in the AIC batting race. He led the league with the most hits, 22.

Other top returning lettermen include Pitcher Raymond Dunbar, who was named to the all-AIC first team with Shell and the graduated Jimmy Carroll. Dunbar had a 5-1 record last season and the league's top earned run average, 1.58.

Coleman said he has shifted Larry Crandall, a pitch last year, to the outfield to help plug a hole.

Henderson has the one-two hitters of the last year's Conference race in first baseman Wade Bratton (.451) and Second Baseman Ben Wells (.410).

Coach Duke Wells said he has moved Wells, all-AIC, to the catching spot to fill a gap there and Sonny Abington from centerfield to second base.

"If Wells can come through, we've got a chance," said Coach Wells. "Our pitchers look sharper than last year and with a year's experience we should do better. Our hitting will be better, too."

The Reddies coach said the right field spot is the weakest link. Reeder Huddleston, who posted a 4-1 record last year, is the chief mound hope, said Wells.

He said the race will be a battle down to the end.

Southern State's Coach Sam Bailey said the graduation of Don Stevens, the Mulderiders' ace hurler last year, "has hurt us."

"We're weaker in pitching and stronger in hitting," Bailey said. "If we had Stevens back, we would be in pretty good shape."

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Unfortunately, we missed the Worthington debut a few days later, but checked up anxiously to find if the youngster had forced the opposition to fan the high Arizona air. Turned out he hadn't. Something to do with lack of control, but his pitches had, indeed, jumped and swerved and given his catcher a bad time. We were advised to wait until next time.

Sanford? Why, sure, he was the little peppercorn second baseman who teamed so brilliantly with Dory Spencer at Minneapolis last season and was going to nail down at least a utility job with the parent team. Every time he got in there in the late innings he looked like a million dollars and evoked stirring praise from Durocher.

What Taylor, Worthington and Sanford have been doing with themselves lately we wouldn't know. Anyway, they had their respective days, and maybe all of them will be back.

It's baseball.

Chicago Bears Mantle Has Are Feeling Yankees Looking Good Their Oats

By BEN PHELAGAR
AP Sports writer

Chicago Bears were feeling their oats again today. They had prize prospect Tommy O'Connell in the fold. Signor of the star University of Illinois quarterback yesterday drew optimistic pronouncements from Owner Coach George Halas, who said the picture never was entirely untimely. Terrors of professional football have had lean seasons recently. Said Halas:

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Mantle was put right to work. He started a game for the first time since mid-March and played a faultless seven innings. He went hitless his first three times but in the seventh with two on base he poled a 420-foot double.

Two other things made Stengel Happy. He apparently had found another starting pitcher in Jim McDonald, who went all the way in yesterday's 9-1 victory over Nashville, and Hank Bauer, back in the outfield after resting his lame back, picked up his tremen-

dous spring hitting immediately. Bauer slammed a home run and a double in three trips to the plate. McDonald now has gone the route twice and has yielded only five earned runs in 40 innings. No other Yankee pitcher has worked a full nine.

The best combined pitching yesterday came at Mobile, Ala., where the Cleveland Indians broke a four game losing streak by edging the New York Giants, 1-0. Early Wynn and Steve Gromek held the heavy hitting Giants to a measly three safeties while Dave Koslo and Max Lanier doled out only five in the Giant cause. A dropped fly ball by New York outfielder Dizzy Rodes allowed the only run to score.

In another game where the pitchers were stinky, the Louisville Colonels of the American Association whipped the Milwaukee Braves, 32 on three hits. Milwaukee got four. Bob Buhl, Brave rookie who has been one of the biggest finds of the spring, went six innings and was the loser.

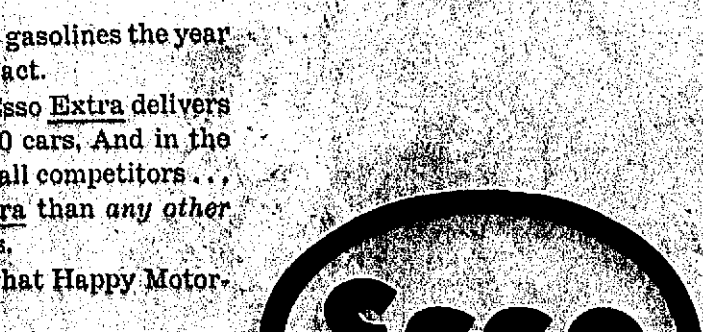
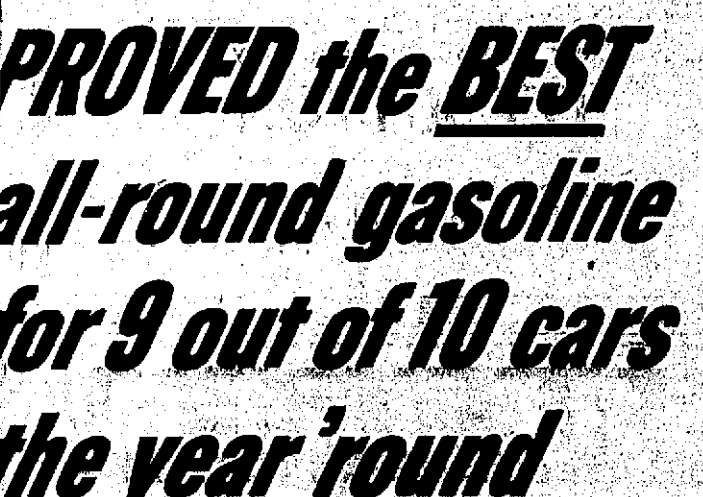
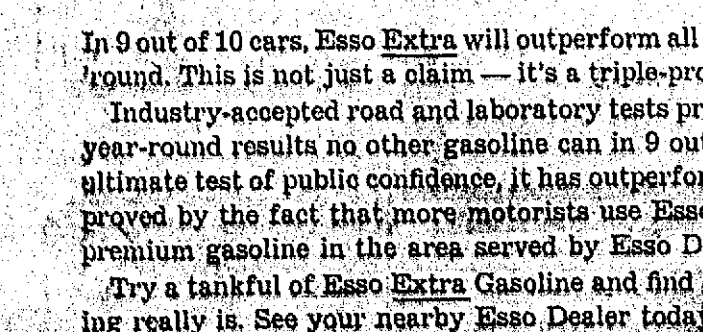
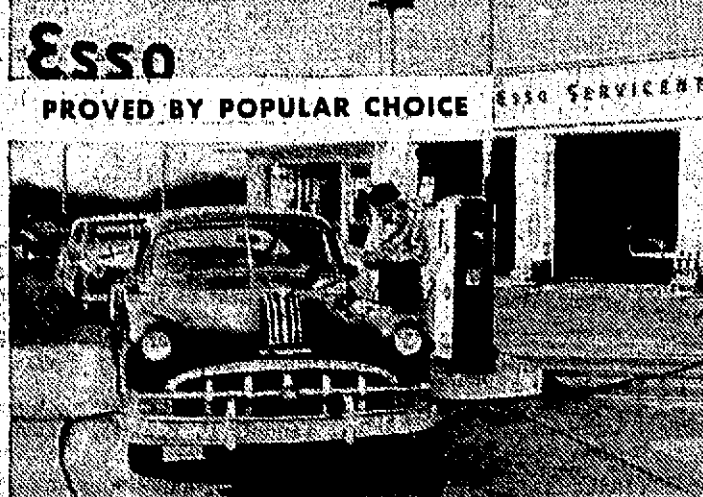
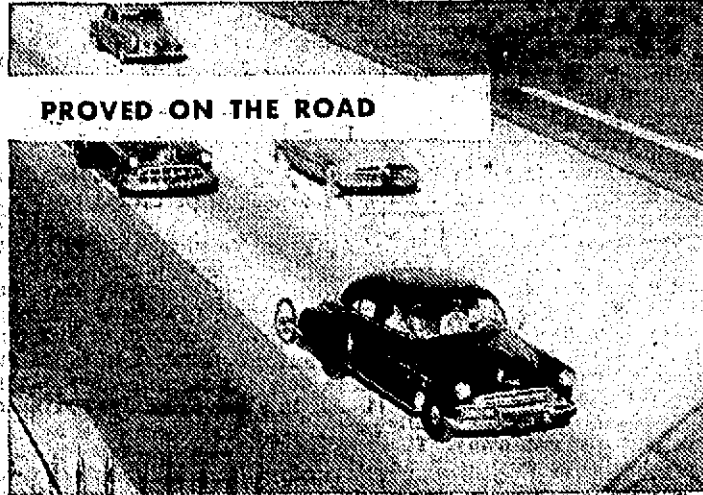
The Philadelphia Phillies paraded their longball hitters against the Boston Red Sox at Roanoke, Va., and came up with a 15-2 decision. Connie Ryan homered twice for the Phils and Earl Torgerson and Willie Jones contributed one apiece in the home run department.

A home run by Minnie Minoso made the difference as the Chicago White Sox clipped the Philadelphia Athletics, 4-3, at Chattanooga.

Steve Bilko of the St. Louis Cardinals unloaded his longest home run of the spring as the Cards whipped Dallas of the Texas League, 6-4.

The Atlanta Crackers of the Southern Association pounced on veteran Johnny Lindell for four runs in the first and went on to defeat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 9-5, in a freewheeling exhibition.

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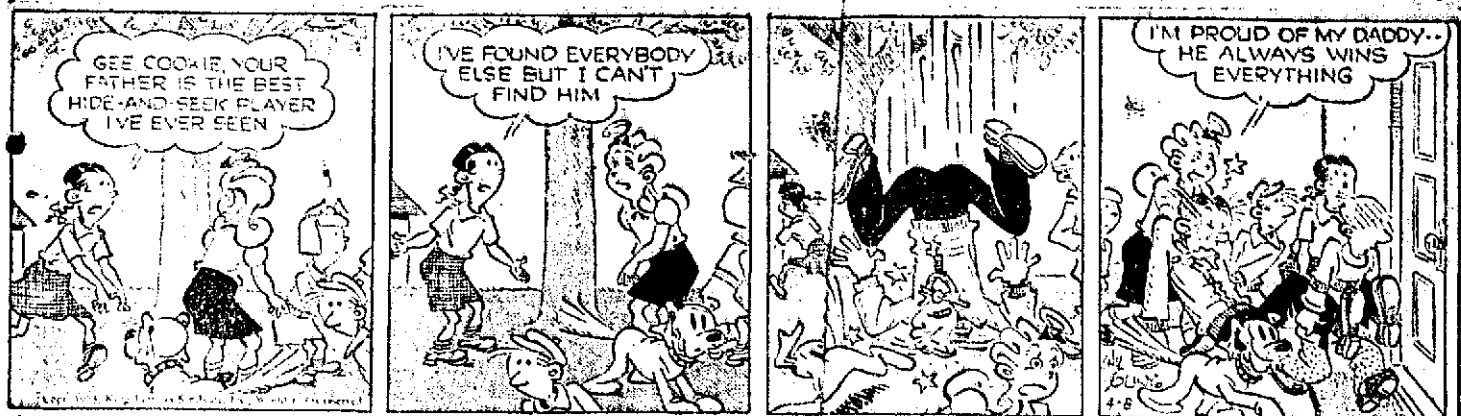
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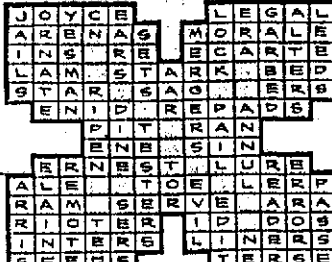
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Farm building
 - 2 of hay
 - 3 Another farm building
 - 4 Command
 - 5 Nevada city
 - 6 Rocky ridges
 - 7 Inborn
 - 8 Splashed
 - 9 Heraldic band
 - 10 Farmer's toe
 - 11 Interstice
 - 12 Scant
 - 13 The farm is in a rural
 - 14 Prior (prefix)
 - 15 Highwayman
 - 16 Malt beverage
 - 17 Senior measure
 - 18 Browned bread
 - 19 Network
 - 20 Fortune
 - 21 Be sick
 - 22 Hops' kiln
 - 23 Thrash
 - 24 Fish baskets
 - 25 Come forth
 - 26 Rue
 - 27 Sea nymph
 - 28 First farm
 - 29 Heroic poetry
 - 30 Speck
 - 31 Dress stone
 - 32 Gaelic
 - 33 Saves
 - 34 Run away to marry
 - 35 Eggs
 - 36 Construction
 - 37 Courtesy
 - 38 title
 - 39 Leer
 - 40 Disgusted exclamation
 - 41 Furtive
 - 42 Row
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- VERTICAL**
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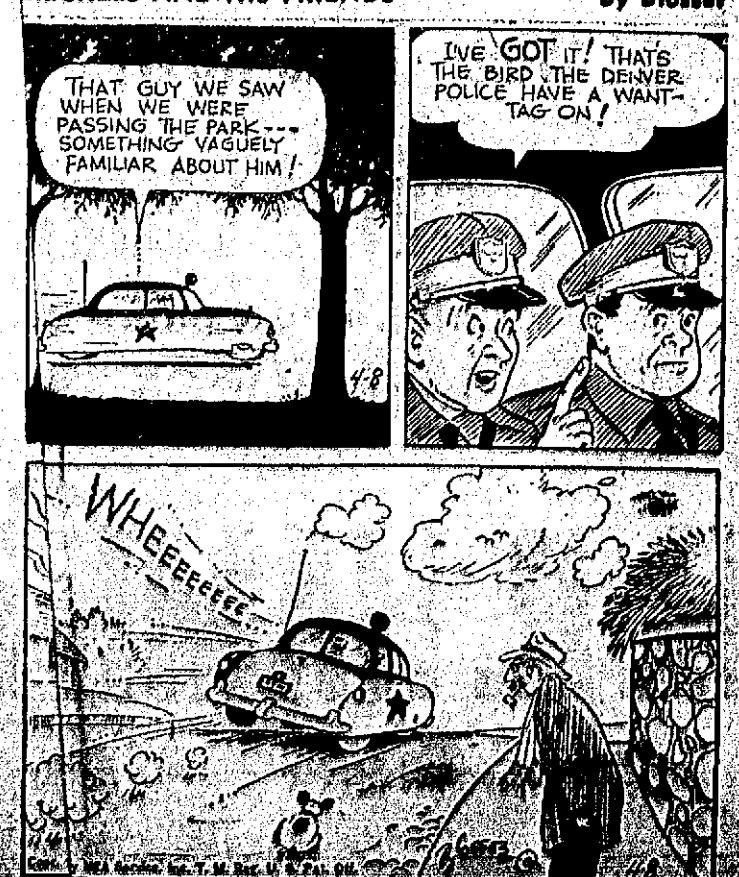
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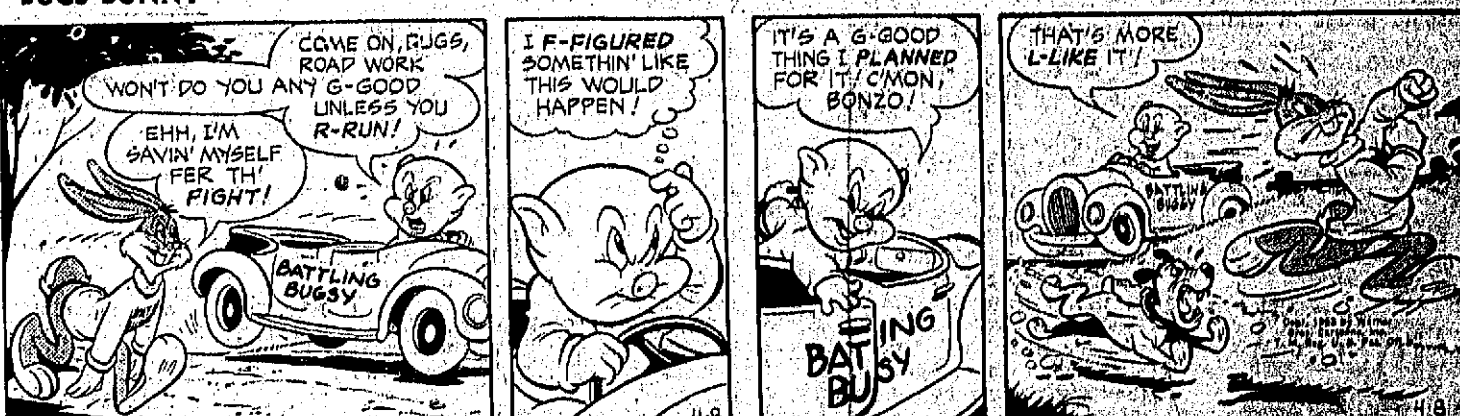


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